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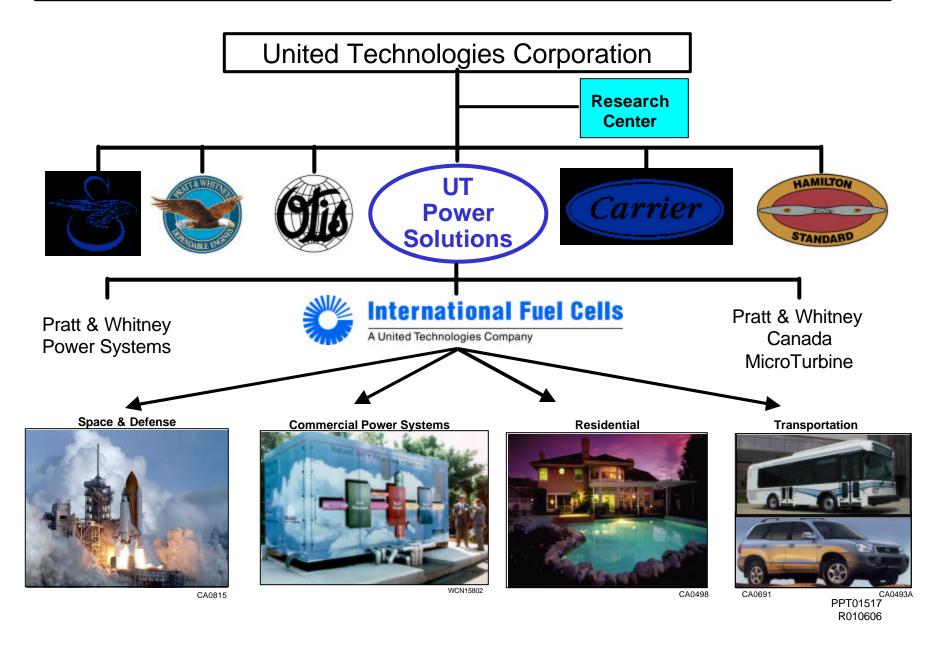
#### Fuel Cell Operation on ADG

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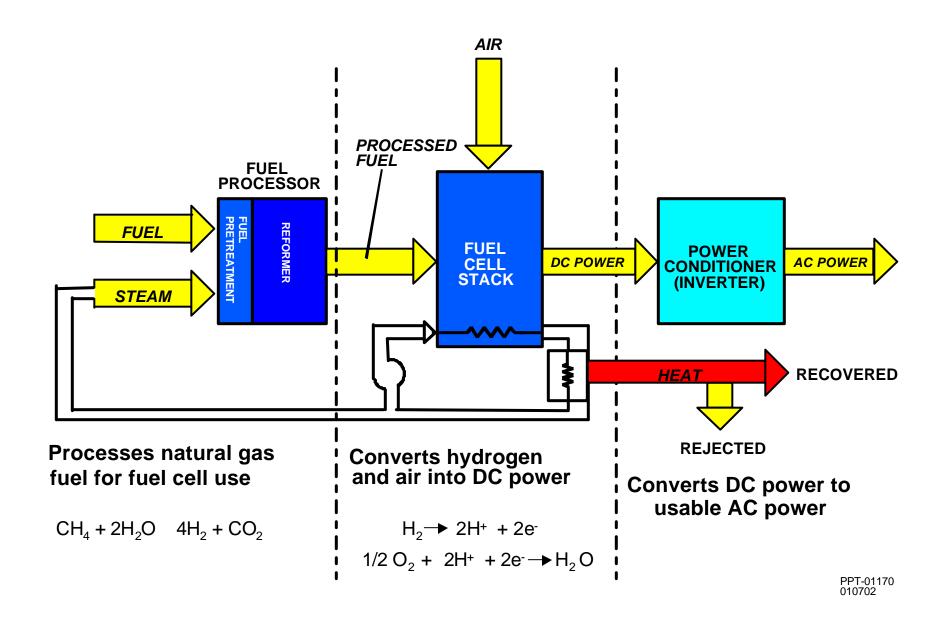
### IFC CORPORATE STRUCTURE



## FUEL CELL TECHNOLOGIES

| Fuel Cell<br>Type           | Applications                 | Operating<br>Temperature °C | Comments   |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Alkaline                    | Space                        | 80 - 100                    | Needs pure fuel/oxidant  |
| Phosphoric Acid             | Stationary                   | 200 - 220                   | Long life<br>Useful heat   |
| Proton Exchange<br>Membrane | Stationary<br>Transportation | 80 - 100                    | Short start time,<br>Easily manufactured<br>Small size / scalability<br>Limited co-gen |
| Molten Carbonate            | Stationary                   | 600 - 650                   | High efficiency<br>Good co-gen<br>Difficult to manufacture                             |
| Solid Oxide                 | Stationary                   | 650 - 1000                  | High efficiency<br>Exotic materials<br>Good co-gen                                     |

#### SIMPLIFIED FUEL CELL SYSTEM



#### IFC FUEL CELL MARKETS

PC25<sup>™</sup> operating fleet



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#### **200 KW NATURAL GAS POWER PLANT**

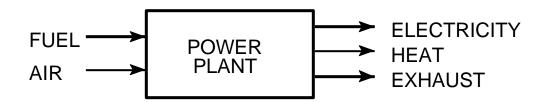
Number of units delivered 225

- Fleet hours over 4 million hours total
- Longest Continuous Operation

9,506 hours

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#### COMPLETE FUEL CELL POWER PLANT

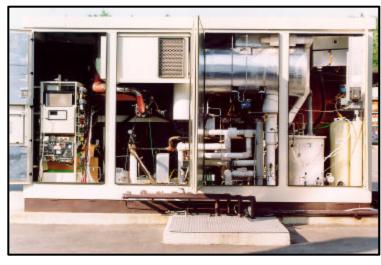




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#### **Major Components**

- Fuel Processor
- Cell Stack
- Power Conditioner



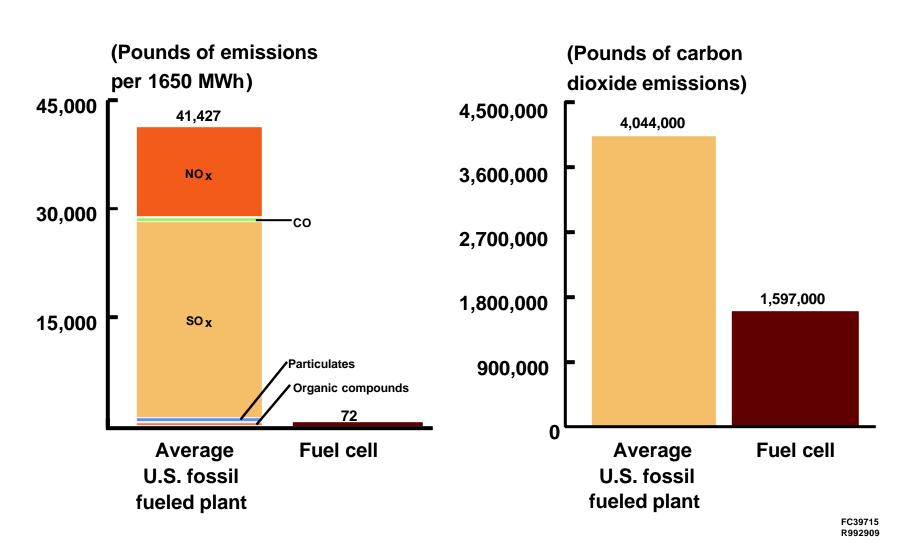
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#### **Ancillary Systems**

- Fuel and Air Supply
- Heat and Water Management
- Ventilation
- Control, Diagnostics

#### FUEL CELL AIR EMISSIONS

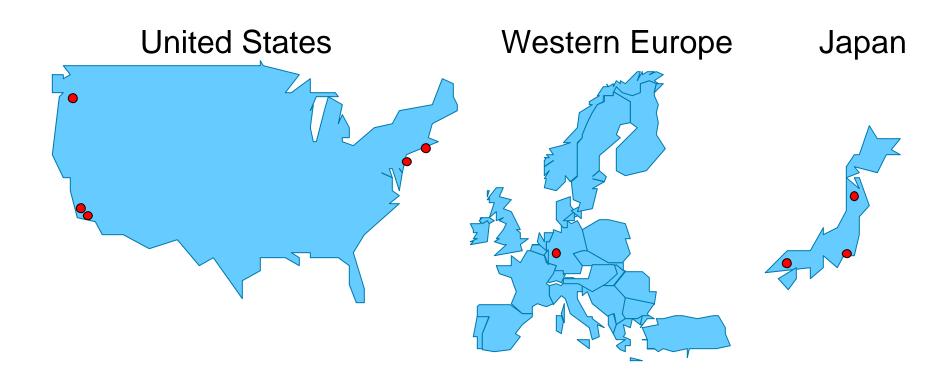
# PC25 emissions from one year of operation vs. average U.S. fossil fuel plant



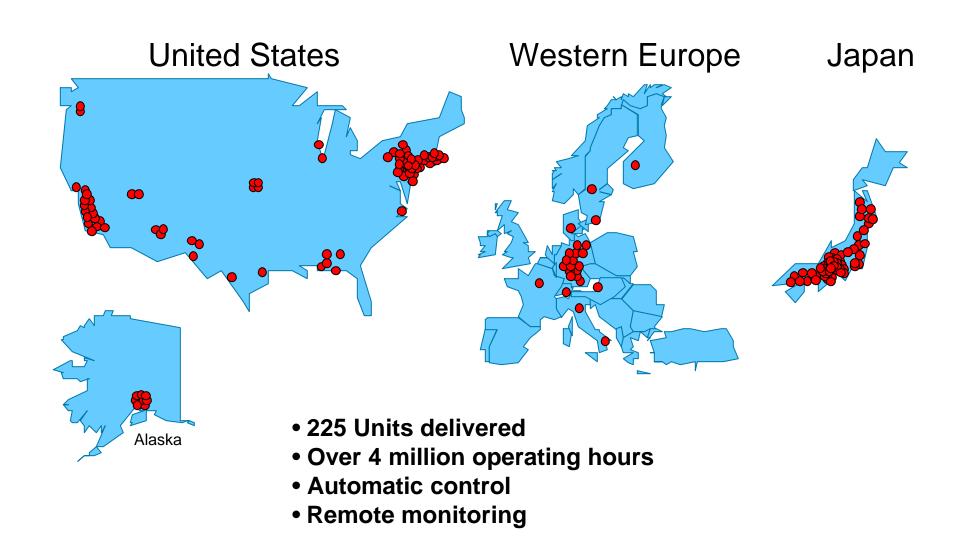
#### HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

- U.S. EPA ORD funded initial activities
  - LFG/ADG
  - Gas survey
  - Preliminary economics
  - Development of gas cleanup technology
  - Internal F/C modifications
  - F/C demonstrations at landfills
  - ADG cleanup demonstration at WWT

### PC25 FUEL CELLS AT ADG FACILITIES



### WORLDWIDE INSTALLATIONS



#### **CHARACTERISTICS OF ADG**

- Major constituents
  - CH4/CO2
  - H2S
  - Trace organic halides
- Impact on fuel cell
  - CO2 increases system pressure drop
  - Sulfur & halides "poison "catalysts

# PC25 MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR ADG

- Larger fuel injector
  - Higher volumetric flow rate
- Larger piping
- Internal halide scrubber
- Software modifications
- External sulfur scrubber

#### YONKERS ADG SITE

- First fuel cell at U.S ADG site
  - NYPA/EPA/NYSERDA/EPRI
- Cleanup technology operated successfully
  - H2S removed on activated carbon
    - Sulfur deposition via claus reaction
  - Halides removed via conversion to a salt
    - Hydrogenation

#### YONKERS ADG FUEL CELL

- Unit in operation ~ 3 years
- Successful operation
- Operation provided valuable "lessons learned"
  - Implemented in future power plants/Installations

#### SUCCESSES

- PC25 can operate on ADG
- CO2 is an inert
- Sulfur removal system effective
  - Ambient pressure
  - Removes all H2S
  - Can be maintained while operating
- Halides system also effective
- Air emissions equivalent to natural gas

#### LESSONS LEARNED

- ADG is by product of WWT
- WWT operator is busy
- ADG is "wet"
- Sulfur in gas can vary
- ADG composition can vary
- ADG supply unreliable

- Fuel cell must accommodate
- Get "buy in"
- Drain lines feeding F/C
- Monitor cleanup system
- Adjust power plant software
- Provide dual fuel capability

#### CONCLUSIONS

- ADG market is viable for PC25
  - Several in operation
- Cleanup technology works
- ADG supply unreliable
  - Accommodations necessary

### WASTE WATER TREATMENT



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Yonkers, NY

#### USE OF ANAEROBIC DIGESTER GAS

### Waste water treatment plant, Boston, Massachusetts



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# ADG APPLICATION Portland, Oregon



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